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Letter dated 28 July 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my letter dated 24 July 2008, I have the honour to convey to you the outcome of the meeting between Hor Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Tej Bunnag, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, which took place in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 28 July 2008, as follows:

1. The two Foreign Ministers agreed that both countries should exercise the utmost restraint to avoid the possibility of armed confrontation, so that the current problem may be settled through peaceful means, using existing bilateral mechanisms, including the Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the Thailand-Cambodian Joint Commission on Demarcation for Land Boundary which was set up by the 2000 Memorandum of Understanding on the Survey and Demarcation of Land Boundary.

2. Both sides agreed to recommend to their respective Governments to convene the next meeting of the Joint Boundary Commission as soon as possible to discuss issues related to the survey and demarcation of the relevant sector under the terms of reference and master plan of the Joint Boundary Commission following the next Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

3. Both sides agreed to recommend to their respective Governments as a provisional arrangement pending survey and demarcation by the Joint Boundary Commission to undertake:

   3.1 De-mining of the area to be surveyed and demarcated by the Joint Boundary Commission in a concerted manner;

   3.2 Setting up of a Temporary Coordinating Task Force comprising the relevant agencies from both sides to address problems related to the area, including Keo Sikha Kiri Svara Pagoda;

   3.3 Redeploying both sides' respective troops out of Keo Sikha Kiri Svara Pagoda, the area surrounding the Pagoda, and the Temple of Preah Vihear.

4. This arrangement shall be without prejudice to the rights of both sides regarding the survey and demarcation within the framework of the Joint Boundary Commission and their legal positions.

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5. Both sides agreed to discuss other matters not yet agreed upon at this meeting at the next Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

I would like to request you to circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the United Nations